Discontinuation of unviable Projects

2793. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission has asked Central Ministries to discontinue all unviable projects under construction and in the pipeline; and

(b) if so, what are the details of these projects, Ministry-wise and expenditure incurred on them so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Annual Gowth Rate during the Eighth Five Year Plan

2794. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has decided to achieve overall annual growth rate of 5.6 per cent during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that to achieve this growth rate, deficit financing during the Eighth Five Year Plan is estimated at Rs. 37,000 crores; and

(c) what is the manner in which this magnitude of deficit financing reconcile with the Government's intention to contain public borrowings by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The detailed sources of financing of the public sector plan do not form part of the Directional Paper to the Eighth Plan approved by the NDC. These, including the extent of deficit financing, will form part of the final plan document which is under preparation.

2795. [*Transferred to the 24th March 1992*]

Central Schemes in the Areas of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council

2796. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are schemes of Central Government or schemes sponsored by the Central Government in the areas of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Adoption of wage goods model for Planning Process

2797. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study commissioned and financed by the Planning Commission by some expert economists, has called for the adoption of the wage goods model as the new core of the Planning process in a Report recently submitted to the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission;

(b) if so, the salient features of the observations/suggestions made in the above Report;

(c) what is the Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether the Planning Commission will take into consideration these suggestions while framing the 8th plan strategy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report explains the features and technicalities of wage-goods model.